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Remarks

Claims 43-61 are pending. Claims 1-42 have been canceled.

Claims 43-61 specify a definition for the R substituent. These claims, therefore, differ from original claims 24-42 (24-25 in 09/678,192, now 6,437,131; 26-31; 26-31 in 10/180,678, now 6,534,654; 32-36 in 09/061,401, now 5,998,619; and 37-42 in 09/375,587, now 6,150,523).

Basis for the definition specified for the R substituent may be found, for example, at page 16, line 17; page 14, lines 16-18; page 16, lines 10-12; and page 10, lines 21-25.

Basis for including the R substituent in formula (VII) of claim 56 may be found, for example, in Reaction Scheme III at page 9.

No new matter has been added.

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested, and allowance of claims 43-61 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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